



United States Department of State

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

Dear Senator Ayotte:

Thank you for your letter of December 6 requesting information and findings of the Accountability Review Board's ongoing investigation into the attack of September 11<sup>th</sup> in Benghazi. We appreciate your continued interest in understanding the circumstances of the attack in Benghazi and how we can prevent and protect against similar attacks in the future. We share your commitment.

Please find attached a response from Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering, Chair of the Accountability Review Board (ARB). We hope this information will be helpful to you and other Members of Congress. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D S Adams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David S. Adams  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative Affairs

Enclosures:

As stated.

The Honorable

Kelly A. Ayotte,  
United States Senate.